

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 4-7, 15, 16, 19 and 20 without prejudice or disclaimer, amend claims 1, 8 and 9 by way of replacement and add new claims 21-28, as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A light panel, comprising:
 - a backing sheet provided with at least one mirrored surface;
 - a diffuser sheet opposing said at least one mirrored surface of said backing sheet, and configured to diffuse light; and
 - an edging strip connecting an edge of said backing sheet to an edge of said diffuser sheet, and configured to support a plurality of point light sources, wherein:
 - said point light sources are lenses illuminated via optical fibers; and
 - said point light sources are directed at an acute angle towards said backing sheet.
2. (Original) The light panel according to claim 1, wherein:
 - said point light sources are directed at an angle of between 10 and 15 degrees relative to a plane containing said backing sheet.
3. (Original) The light panel according to claim 2, wherein:
 - said point light sources are directed at an angle of substantially 12 degrees relative to a plane containing said backing sheet.
- 4-7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) A light panel, comprising:
a backing sheet provided with at least one mirrored surface;
a diffuser sheet opposing said at least one mirrored surface of said backing sheet, and
configured to diffuse light; and
an edging strip connecting an edge of said backing sheet to an edge of said diffuser sheet,
and configured to support a plurality of point light sources;
said point light sources directed at an acute angle towards said backing sheet

The light panel according to claim 1, wherein:

said edging strip comprises:

a reflective inner surface oriented at an acute angle relative to a plane normal to said backing sheet.

9. (Currently Amended) The light panel according to claim 8, wherein:

[.]said reflective inner surface is oriented at an angle of between 10 and 15 degrees relative to a plane normal to said backing sheet.

10. (Original) The light panel according to claim 9, wherein:

said reflective inner surface is oriented at an angle of substantially 12 degrees relative to a plane normal to said backing sheet.

11. (Original) The light panel according to claim 9, wherein:

said point light sources are light emitting diodes.

12. (Original) The light panel according to claim 9, wherein:

said point light sources are lenses illuminated via optical fibers.

13. (Original) The light panel according to claim 1, wherein:

a thickness of said panel, comprising said diffuser sheet, said backing sheet and a space therebetween, is no greater than 0.75 inches.

14. (Original) The light panel according to claim 13, wherein:

a thickness of said panel, comprising said diffuser sheet, said backing sheet and a space therebetween, is no greater than 0.675 inches.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

17. (Original) The light panel according to claim 1, further comprising:

a mask arranged to partially cover said diffuser sheet, such that light from said point light sources passes through at least one opening therein.

18. (Original) The light panel according to claim 17, wherein:

said at least one opening in said mask is in the shape of an alphanumeric character.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Canceled)

21. (New) A light panel, comprising:
- a backing sheet provided with at least one mirrored surface;
 - a diffuser sheet opposing said at least one mirrored surface of said backing sheet, and configured to diffuse light; and
 - an edging strip connecting an edge of said backing sheet to an edge of said diffuser sheet, and configured to support a plurality of point light sources, wherein:
 - said point light sources are directed at an acute angle towards said backing sheet; and
 - said point light sources each comprise a lens, each said lens illuminated by a light emitting diode associated therewith.
22. (New) The light panel according to claim 21, wherein:
- said point light sources are directed at an angle of between 10 and 15 degrees relative to a plane containing said backing sheet.
23. (New) The light panel according to claim 22, wherein:
- said point light sources are directed at an angle of substantially 12 degrees relative to a plane containing said backing sheet.
24. (New) The light panel according to claim 21, wherein:
- a thickness of said panel, comprising said diffuser sheet, said backing sheet and a space therebetween, is no greater than 0.75 inches.
25. (New) The light panel according to claim 24, wherein:

a thickness of said panel, comprising said diffuser sheet, said backing sheet and a space therebetween, is no greater than 0.675 inches.

26. (New) The light panel according to claim 21, further comprising:

a mask arranged to partially cover said diffuser sheet, such that light from said point light sources passes through at least one opening therein.

27. (New) The light panel according to claim 26, wherein:

said at least one opening in said mask is in the shape of an alphanumeric character.

28. (New) The light panel according to claim 21, wherein:

a focal point of each said lens substantially coincides with a focal point of said light emitting diode.